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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

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